

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

The Rotary Club of West Wichita meets Tuesdays, 12:00 noon at Rolling Hills Country Club, 223 S. Westlink
Rotary Club of West Wichita: www.rotarywestwichita.org Rotary District 5690: www.rotary5690.org Rotary International: www.rotary.org
Executive Secretary & Bulletin Editor: Diane Walker

TODAY'S PROGRAM

“Haiti's New Challenge” by Sam Muyskens

In a country plagued with unemployment, illiteracy, hunger and failed infrastructure, Haiti has experienced one of the worst human disasters known to humankind. Sam leads an effort to address housing, employment, education, and industry with the goal of elimination of poverty and reforestation of a proud country populated by some of the most selfless, patient, faith centered people on our globe.

Sam has traveled to Haiti 23 times on behalf of the ASAP Haiti Project which he and other Haitian and Wichita residents founded 16 years ago. Sam is a member of the Rotary Club of Wichita, which initiated a feeding project in Haiti in 2001. Since that initial project, RCW and District 5690 have introduced solar cooking, provided large and small sun ovens to the school and villagers, installed a solar powered water well and storage system and, with the help of a Rotary Foundation Matching grant, established the only sun oven assembly plant in Haiti.

Sam grew up in small, rural Dutch communities in Minnesota. He graduated from Dakota Wesleyan U. with a BA in Music Education. Sam earned his Master of Sacred Music, Master of Music Education and Master of Theology degrees from SMU. Sam has been an ordained United Methodist Minister for 43 years. He has taught high school music, had his own business as a piano technician, has been a Minister of Music in AZ, IL and SD, and was a SD State Penitentiary Chaplain. For 13 years he was pastor of West Heights United Methodist Church, Wichita, before becoming Executive Director of Inter-Faith Ministries, which he grew into the internationally recognized organization it is today. Sam has lectured and traveled to India as the guest of the Gobind Sedan Institute of Comparative Religions; to the White House to advise on the need for "inter-religious understanding;" to Turkey as a participant guest of the Institute of Interfaith Dialog; and to Australia and S. Africa to present programs for meetings of the Parliament of World Religions.

Presently, Sam is the founder and President/CEO of Global Faith in Action, Inc., a multifaith charitable outreach organization. He has a passion and commitment to help people of all faiths learn to live in a respectful presence of each other.

WSC-Sunrise Rotary / BBBS Annual Golf Tournament April 29th, Reflection Ridge Golf Course

We have three teams from our club that will be participating!

NOTE: Raffle tickets for a Benelli 12 gauge shotgun valued at \$1100 will be available for purchase at our meeting today for anyone interested.

CLUB INFORMATION

Happy Birthday!

Brent Groves May 1

Guests

Sara Morrow brought by Tony Morrow

Lawrence teachers and students Extra Effort Awards

Joy Kromer, Keith & Carrie Hendrickson brought visitor by Bill Kromer

Roaming Rotarians

Lori Taylor Downtown

Bill Kromer Leavenworth, KS

Attendance & Membership Report

Last meeting: 53%

Membership: 72

Last year: 69%

Membership: 75

Make-up raffle winner: Shelli Kadel

Collections: Happy Basket \$17.00 Polio Plus Bucket: \$38.76

Holiday raffle: Mike Ludlow won \$5 in our raffle last week. This week the pot will be worth over \$320 if an Ace is drawn.

Congratulations to DeAnn Sullivan!

DeAnn was selected from our District to lead the GSE (Group Study Exchange) Team to Denmark August 20 – September 18.

Paul Harris Fellow Presentations



Congratulations to
Tim Devine
on his PHF + 1!

In addition, Bill Kromer, a Past District Governor and member of the Leavenworth Club, attended our meeting last week to make surprise PHF presentations to his daughter and son-in-law who live here in Wichita.



← **Lawrence Extra Effort Awards
were presented at last week's meeting**

For the May Extra Effort Awards, the Kindergarten teachers requested something different. So, Tim Devine, along with whoever else is interested in helping from our club, will be helping with a Kindergarten only "take home a flower" day on Thursday, May 20, in the Outdoor Classroom.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 4 Speaker: Coleen Tabor

May 11 Speaker: Lon Smith, Kansas Aviation Museum

STAR Class, 11:15 a.m. "Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract"
(moved to May 11 due to our hotdog feed on May 18)

May 12 River Festival Food Court Ticket Sales: We still need a few more volunteers to work the 1:30 – 5:00 shift.

May 18 No Meeting: Annual Hotdog Feed at Lawrence Elementary

REMINDER: Quarterly dues are due April 30th!